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COTTON MARKET

(Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Dec. 31—Cotton futures opened steady. January 24.10; March 24.48; May 24.83; July 24.92; October 24.06.

WEATHER

(Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 31—Unsettled and colder tonight and Thursday. Probably rain.

THE DAILY'S WISH--A HAPPY NEW YEAR

MANY BELIEVE '25
WILL BE GREATEST
'YEAR IN HISTORY'

Business Executives Of
Nation Optimistic
Over Nation

GARY CONFIDENT
BUSINESS GOOD

Several Influences To
Help Improve
Conditions

(Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Dec. 31—High hopes for 1925, in some cases amounting to conviction that it may prove the greatest year in the history of American business, are held by various leaders in basic industrial and financial activities here.

Forecasts for the new year expressed by these executives agree upon the seeming certainty of a substantial prosperity. They appear further to agree for the most part that the outcome of the last presidential election and the favorable working out of the Dawes plan should prove major contributing factors. They also bank heavily upon the fortunate coincidence of great purchasing and great producing power at home and upon the promise of a wholesome recovery and expansion in markets overseas.

Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the board of directors of the United States Steel Corporation expresses as follows his confidence in the coming 12 months:

"If the policies of the present administration shall continue in force and practice and the American congress is reasonably disposed to cooperate with the president, and the business interests of this country will likewise be disposed to support the administration in its efforts to assist the business of the country, the year 1925 should show the highest and most satisfactory prosperity in the whole history of the United States."

The business of the manufacturers of the iron and steel industry of the United States during the year 1924, up to the date of election was rather dull and depressed. Mr. Gray declared "It was good at the beginning," he said, "but with the commencement of March materially receded in volume. Commencing with June the volume gradually increased, but the selling prices were lower. Consequently, with some exceptions the profits of the iron and steel business for the first 11 months of the year, on the average, were small, and in many cases there were losses. As shown by the published reports the steel Corporation was an exception and obtained considerable net profits though they were small, considering the capital investment.

"However, as predicted by some of the election of the republican national candidates has had a marked effect upon the steel industry. Almost immediately after our election the demand in this country began to show improvement in volume and this condition to some extent had a favorable influence on some foreign countries. At present the demand for the iron and steel products manufactured in the United States is large, persistent and satisfactory.

"The New Year will probably commence with all of the manufacturing plants operating at full capacity. Also selling prices have advanced to a considerable extent and should afford reasonable profits sufficient to continue the wage rates at the present standard. These were not reduced during the depression, notwithstanding they were not justified by the results of business."

American railroads enter upon the new year with a hope that the transportation act will be so administered as to accomplish what it was designed to do, by efficient management already attained to earn the statutory

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Received Blows in Lieu
of Wedding Gifts

NINA NEDOROVITZ, pretty Russian girl, married Ignatz Nedorovitz, a New York furrier, to escape deportation as an alien and because she believed him a man of wealth, she declared in her suit for divorce in San Francisco. Instead of promised gifts she received beatings, the first on her wedding day, she told a Judge. The divorce was granted.

DES MOINES BANKS
CLOSE THEIR DOORS

Heavy Withdrawals Of
Funds Reported
As Reason

(Associated Press)
DES MOINES, Iowa, Dec. 31—Two Des Moines banks, the Mechanics Savings and the Commercial Savings, closed their doors today and were taken over by the state banking department, the cause in each case being prospective or actual heavy withdrawals of public and private funds.

The banking department this afternoon was unofficially informed that the First National bank of Des Moines, Iowa, the Bank of Dow City, and the Traders bank of Vail also had been closed because of heavy withdrawals.

These three institutions were said to be closely related. Robert Leach, superintendent of banking, had not been advised of the details of their difficulties.

POST-ELECTION BOOM SENDS
STOCK PRICES TO NEW LEVELS

(Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Dec. 31—Stock prices today rode out the year on the crest of another buying wave, which brought violent upturns in many individual stocks and lifted a score of issues to new peak prices for the year.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31—A post-election boom of unprecedented proportions carried stock prices to the highest levels in years in the closing weeks of the year.

Railroad shares were foremost in the advance many of them touching the highest prices ever recorded. Not since the early part of the present century, when Harriman and Gould struggled for the control of the leading western transportation systems of the country, has Wall street witnessed a railroad market of such breadth and volume as took place in the last two months of the year.

An enormous investment demand, apparently pent-up for years through fear of adverse legislation, broke forth like a flood in the few weeks following election, when it became apparent that the so-called radical bloc had lost the balance of power in congress that the administration looked with favor upon railroad consolidations, and that the roads had been successful in increasing their net earnings

HERRICK ASSURES
AMERICA FRANCE
WILL PAY HER DEBT

Repudiation Not To Be
Considered, Note to
Hughes Says

FIRST ANSWER TO
MANY RUMORS

Attitude of France Is
Explained in Detail
by Premier Herriot

(Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 31—Ambassador Herrick's report of his conversation with Premier Herriot on the question of France-American debts reached the state department early today and is understood to contain first official assurance to be received here since the question entered its present phase that France does not intend to repudiate her obligations to this country.

Pending a careful scrutiny of the report by Secretary Hughes, department officials declined all comment, but it was obvious that they welcomed the communication because of its official and timely nature.

It had been hoped, since M. Clementel, the French finance minister, published his celebrated balance sheet and gave rise to a whirl of discussion, that some representatives of the French government either in the foreign office there, or in the embassy here might see fit to explain the facts to officials here.

PARIS, Dec. 31—Premier Herriot last evening gave the American ambassador, Myron T. Herrick, additional verbal explanations and assurances, together with an explicit detailed memorandum on the subject of France's attitude on the debt subject and copy of Finance Minister Clementel's memorandum, containing an inventory of France's financial position. Ambassador Herrick, it is understood, immediately forwarded the information, by cable, to the state department at Washington.

PROBE GOES ON
(Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 31—Further investigation of the prohibition unit by private investigators was determined upon today by the special senate committee, headed by Senator Couzens, republican of Michigan.

POST-ELECTION BOOM SENDS
STOCK PRICES TO NEW LEVELS

through a reduction in operating costs. Tangible evidence of this improvement, furnished by the resumption of dividends on stocks of some of the southwestern carriers, stimulated the demand, which came from large institutions and wealthy individuals, as well as a myriad of small investors. Industrials shared in the advance, the largest gains being recorded by the securities of those companies whose earnings gave definite indications of business improvement.

Professional traders admittedly were surprised by the magnitude of the buying power, as indicated by the fact that stocks in which they had built up large paper profits in the early fall were sold heavily in the few days following the election, on the theory that they could be repurchased later at lower levels. The advance, however, once it got started, was an almost perpendicular one for about six weeks. The market was taken away from the professionals, who were forced to bid for stocks several points above what they sold them for in order to participate in the upward swing.

One of the curious features of the rapid advance was the fact that it was accompanied by a relatively light increase in brokers' loans, which was construed as an indication that the stocks were being taken out of "the street" and put in strong boxes.

GUN BATTLE OPENS
POLICE'S OFFENSIVE
ON BOOZE RUNNERS

Marine Officers Shoot
Until Rum Craft
Is Captured

EXTRA COPS KEEP
BROADWAY VIGIL

White Way Continues
Preparations for
Celebration

(Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Dec. 31—A gun battle between marine police and rum smugglers aboard a motor boat which contained 200 cases of champagne early today inaugurated the offensive against the flow of liquor into New York for the New Year's celebration.

The battle, during which 50 shots were fired in a 15 mile chase off the battery ended with the capture of the boat and five prisoners.

While the rum fleet carried out its final maneuvers to check liquor smuggling and the police department completed plans for increased patrols in strategic positions, Broadway and the other centers of amusement went ahead with plans for gay celebrations to usher in the New Year tonight.

The police plans called for 300 extra men to keep a watch on the festivities in Greenwich Village.

Two hundred patrolmen were assigned to duty in the Brooklyn district, where New Year celebrations are largely concentrated. The extra policemen will remain at their posts from nine o'clock tonight until five o'clock tomorrow morning.

PALACE CAFE WILL
MOVE NEXT DOOR

New Location is Being
Handsomely Equipped
For the Occupant

The management of the Palace Cafe is engaged in moving the properties of the dining room from their present building, 517 Second avenue, to the next door, 519.

The cafe has been in its present quarters for about 10 years and is declared to have enjoyed popularity and excellent business during that time.

The cafe is still doing business in its old home, while the new location is being prepared for occupation. The future home is being decorated and installed with up-to-date accessories for the serving of meals and the management declares itself well pleased with the place.

The formal opening of the cafe in its new quarters will be celebrated within a few days, it was learned this morning.

It is understood the apartment which the cafe is vacating will be occupied by the grocery store of E. L. Thomas.

Fever Given As
Cause of Death

(Associated Press)
CHICAGO, Dec. 31—William Nelson McClintock "millionaire orphan" whose death four weeks ago at the home of William E. Sheppard, heir to his \$1,500,000 estate, has been under investigation, probably died from typhoid fever contracted from painted oysters, according to a report of Herman N. Bundeson, city health commissioner.

BANK ROBBED
(Associated Press)

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 31—The Kaw Valley State bank was held up and robbed \$27,000 from its vaults by three men.

VAIL AWARDS FOR
HEROISM ARE MADE

Stories of Bravery Are
Revealed by Bell
Phone System

The awards of the Theodore N. Vail gold and silver medals for 1922, which are provided by the Vail Memorial fund, have just been announced and among those who received a silver medal, with a cash award of \$250.00 is Louis L. Gauthier, cable splicer's helper of the Cumberland Telephone and Telegraph company at Shreveport, La.

The gold medal, with a cash award of \$500 was given to Charles E. Rider, station installer of the Southwestern Bell Telephone company, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Others who received silver medals, with a cash award of \$250.00, were Charles N. Wolever, senior central office man, Bell Telephone company of Pennsylvania, Pittston, Pa., Muriel Annetta Cruikshank, night operator, Bell Telephone company of Pennsylvania, Wyoming, Pa., George H. Mann, cableman, Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph company, Phoenix, Arizona, Mrs. Myrtle Ethel Hadley, substitute operator, South Snyder, Oklahoma, Mrs. Alice C. Tillinghast, Class F. Agent, New England Telephone and Telegraph company, Housatonic, Mass.

The deed of heroism for which Louis L. Gauthier received a silver medal, and a cash award was performed on the night of April 2, 1923, when he rescued C. Clanton, a cable splicer, who had been trapped by fire in a manhole.

Gauthier was entering the manhole when a bolt of lightning struck a pole 12 feet away and ignited gas in the manhole, causing an explosion. The flames from the burning gas leaped about three feet above the level of the ground and Gauthier immediately called out to Clanton and, without regard for his own safety, reached into the flames and pulled Clanton out.

Both men were severely burned about the face, neck and arms. They were removed to the hospital and were off duty for more than a month.

Edwards Case Set
For Trial on Jan. 26

(Associated Press)
BIRMINGHAM, Dec. 31—The case of the state vs. Dr. George Edwards under indictment on a charge of slaying his wife, has been set for trial in the Bessemer circuit court on January 26.

YOUTHFUL BANDIT
HOLDS UP EXPRESS

Messenger Gives Life
To Save Valuables
On the Train

(Associated Press)
CHICAGO, Dec. 31—A youthful robber held up the express car crew of the Viking fast Chicago and Northwestern railroad passenger train, near Highland Park, Ill., last night, shot and killed a messenger, locked up the conductor and brakeman, and escaped after a futile attempt to open a safe containing bonds, jewels and money valued at upwards of \$200,000.

Russel Dickey, 44, Milwaukee, Wis., the messenger, died when attempted to disarm the man. The bandit took one of the two keys necessary to open the safe from Dickey's body but failed to find the second key, which was in the messenger's coat, hanging a foot away from the safe.

Move Started To
Stop Plague Spread

(Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 31—The public health service has invoked a rigid health inspection program applicable to ships reaching any American port from New Orleans, San Pedro or Oakland, as a precaution against the spread of bubonic infection among rats, which has been discovered in those cities.

Definite instructions have been given port authorities, requiring ships to take all precautions to keep rats from boarding their vessels while lying alongside the docks.

These steps are believed by health service officials to be sufficient to prevent spread of the infection.

No Daily Paper
Will Be Issued On
New Years Day here

In accordance with the custom established in past years the Daily will not be on the streets on New Year's day and with a great many of the business houses the Daily office will be closed throughout the day.

To each and every one of the Daily readers and patrons and to all prospective readers and patrons the Daily wishes an era of prosperity and happiness.

The Management.

DEATH OF BANDIT
MAY FREE YOUTHS;
SEND GIRL 'HOME'

Woman Who Sobbed at
Funeral Bier May
Have Been Wife

MOTHER AWAITS
END OF CHAPTER

Many Mysteries Being
Cleared Up by Slay-
ing of Wright

(Associated Press)
MOBILE, Ala., Dec. 31—William E. Wright, bandit, today was "traveling west," and in Iowa two boys were looking forward to the outcome of an investigation being launched to set them free.

Meanwhile Mrs. George W. Dawson in Des Moines, Iowa, hopefully was looking forward to the return of her 16 year old daughter, Nellie.

The body of Wright, upon which yesterday was found a note, purporting to be a confession to the crime for which the two youths are serving sentences, today was in a local undertaking establishment.

Wright was killed in a pistol battle here yesterday with officers in the Louisville and Nashville depot. Later in the day New Orleans officials identified him as the bandit who held up employees of a banking establishment there Christmas eve and escaped with \$13,000.

The note scribbled upon a page in a bullet pierced note book, told of the killing of a man named Thomas Griffin, in Des Moines, Iowa, November 16, 1923. Cecil Mickle and Spike Gaskill were convicted of the crime. Wright yesterday also was identified by Des Moines authorities as a box car robber who had served time in both Iowa and Kansas. He escaped from the Kansas prison in 1920, it was said.

Wright was reported to have left Des Moines on December 10, accompanied by Miss Nellie Dawson, 16 year old department store clerk. Five days later the two were reported married in Kansas City and Wright was sought on a warrant charging abduction.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 31—With the positive identification of W. E. Wright killed by detectives yesterday, as the bandit who robbed the Frenchmen street bank of the Marine bank and Trust company here on Christmas eve and killed a policeman while escaping, established, Superintendent of Police Guy Molony today turned his attention to clues that might lead to the identity of the woman who wept at the bier of the slain robber.

Police of Mobile, New Orleans and other cities were searching for the crimson clad woman who drove to a Mobile undertaking establishment yesterday and after viewing the body, hurriedly disappeared in an automobile bearing a Louisiana license.

GUARDSMEN OUST
COLORADO OFFICER

Forcibly Remove Agent
On Orders Of the
Chief Executive

(Associated Press)
DENVER, Colo., Dec. 31—Officials of the Colorado National guard at the order of Governor Sweet, today removed W. E. Roberts, civil service commission, from his office, carried him into the hallway at the state capital and took his keys from him.

Roberts did not make any physical resistance. He merely notified the military officers that he had been advised by his attorneys to resist the order from office.

The military officers carried out their work in a friendly manner. There was no disorder.

Classified Ads and Business Directory

1924—Good bye—You have been good to me. I appreciate and thank you for the new friends during your time and my enemies whoever they may be, please be kind to them. J. A. Thornhill.

1925—Howdy—No vows nor promises will I make but work being my kinsman will do my best to please those whom we may chance to serve during the time of our relations. As a child accept my greetings, will try to make your time worthwhile so that when you become an old man we will be glad that we met. J. A. Thornhill.

FOR SALE

Business opportunity. For sale, best filling station and accessory business in Morgan County. Terms to responsible parties or will trade for city property or good farm. Worth your investigation. Inquire at Daily, 31-1f.

FOR SALE—One 2 story 8 room house, lavatories up and down stairs, double garage, with all conveniences, 514 East Lafayette street. Call Decatur 336. 30-3f.

FOR SALE—Jersey cow. Phone Albany 119-W. 30-3f.

FOR SALE—One 7 room house, 107 Prospect Drive, \$4,200; terms \$1,500 down, \$35 per month. O. C. Pettet, phone 718 Albany. 29-3f.

I HAVE a good Ford car for sale. J. L. Echols. 12-1f

FOR SALE OR RENT—5 room house 1221 5th avenue South \$20.00 month rent. See Miss Bartee at 315 Cain street or phone 257 Decatur. 27-3f.

FOR SALE—A Chase piano, built in players, at a bargain; on terms; can be seen at 621 Canal St., Phone Decatur 92-W. 18-1f

FOR SALE—Windshields any cars by C. E. Malone. 27-1f

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Two or three furnished rooms for light housekeeping. 309 West Moulton street. Phone Albany 584-J. O. J. Thomas. 31-3f.

Nicely furnished apartment, 2 rooms and kitchenette, 903 Canal street. Phone Decatur 284-L3. 31-3f.

FOR RENT—Up stairs apartment sleeping porch and all modern conveniences. Apply 224 E. Church St. 29-3f

FOR RENT—Store on corner of Church and Bank street. Call D. D. Burleson, 258-J Albany. 27-3f.

FOR RENT—Four room cottage, at 410 East Market street. Decatur. Call Decatur 54. 27-3f.

FOR RENT—Furnished room close in. Phone Albany 454. 27-3f.

FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms for housekeeping. Modern conveniences. Close to high school and business section. 105 Prospect Drive. Phone Albany 375-J. 27-3f.

FOR RENT—Store building on Bank street. 1 seven room dwelling, Canal. 1 story dwelling, Cain and Line. Thos. E. Pride. 20-1f.

LOST OR FOUND

LOST—Somewhere on West Church, Bank, Lee streets or Second avenue, master key attached to small gold chain. Finder return to Daily office and receive reward. 30-3f.

FOUND—Pair of ladies glasses in case. Owner call at the Daily office identify and pay for cost of advertising. 29-3f

LOST—Pair steel roller skates in vacant field between 6th and 8th avenue west. Finder please call Albany 369 for reward. 31-3f.

WHAT'S A BLISTER WORTH ANYWAY?

Albany, Ala.,
Dec. 29th, 1924.

Dear Mr. Shackelford: A few days ago, while out bird-hunting, I rubbed a blister on my right heel. This blister became infected, causing me considerable pain, and for a while it looked like I might have blood poison from it.

I had no idea that this would be covered by my Reliance Accident policy, until requested by you to file my claim for the four days that I couldn't work. I wish to thank you for check for \$32.13 handed me today. Very truly yours,

ELMER S. LOYD.
ALL RELIANCE CLAIMS ARE HANDLED ALIKE. THE SMALL CLAIM FOR \$32.13 RECEIVES THE SAME CONSIDERATION THAT THE \$10,000.00 CLAIM DOES. THERE IS NO DELAY. NO WAITING PERIOD.
W. E. Shackelford

Reliance Life

TAKEN UP—One cow. Owner can recover by identifying and paying cost of advertising and keep. Tom Huddleston. 31-3f.

LOST—Drummer's sample case, C. T. Cheek on side, containing hosiery samples, between Cullman and Albany, on Bee Line highway. Return to People's Drug company, Hartselle. Reward. 31-3f.

LOST—Knight Templar watch charm with letter "A" in key stone. Reward if returned to Twin City Bread Co. 29-3f.

LOST—Watch chain. Three links "F. L. and T." in Albany. Liberal reward for return to S. F. Higdon, 1224 Fourth avenue South. 29-3f.

MISCELLANEOUS

WILL GIVE use of horses or mules to parties who will take good care of them until February 1st, 1925, for their upkeep. J. L. Echols. 12-1f

MORTGAGE LOANS
On improved city property.
Decatur and Albany
6 per cent and 6 1-2 per cent
10 and 15 year period
SEE

PENNY & WHITMAN
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Physician
Office
1327 1-2 Fourth Ave., South
Office Phone Albany 240
Residence Phone Dec. 101-J.

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JOHN I. KATCHER
VIOLIN TEACHER
And all string instruments
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The Easy Way, the Smooth Way
The Graceful Way
MISS HILDA POLYTSKY
Decatur 243

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A. F. HARRIS
for stamping, hemstitching, picture framing and kodak finishing
702 Second Avenue

FEATURED PLAYERS IN DAY'S NEWS DRAMA



Above: COL. GEORGE HARVEY & JANET VELLE
Below: GEORGE B. SHAW & PRESIDENT COOLIDGE.

"Diplomatic episodes of the past few weeks have given rise to painful doubts of the sincerity of France in her dealings with the United States," Colonel George Harvey, formerly American Ambassador to Great Britain, declared in a signed article in a Washington newspaper. France considers all her debts political, not financial, and has not the remotest intention of paying them, Harvey declared. . . . Positive, after a year of married life, that she has "the right man," Janet Velle, musical comedy star, announced her first wedding anniversary Christmas night to friends. The marriage had been kept secret. Charles J. Hawk, advertising man and attorney, is the bridegroom of a year. . . . Emphatic nationalism threatens the world with war and yet more war, George Bernard Shaw, noted British writer, is convinced. Great Britain's policy in Egypt, he declared, has killed the effectiveness of the League of Nations and means the return of "brute forces" in settlement of world affairs. . . . President Calvin Coolidge continues to fight plans for an extra session of Congress, but that body faces a herculean task if it is to finish the Administration's programme before the expiration of its term on March 4. An alarming jam has developed in the Senate and the President may yet find it necessary to call an extra session.

BASKET LEAGUE TO OPEN ON MONDAY

Nightly Practices Are Being Held In Local Gyms

Although pausing for the New Year celebration the teams in the local cage circuit have been working during the past week in anticipation of the opening of the local season on Monday night at Albany High gymnasium when the Louisville and Nashville shopmen engage the Power-Roofing combination and the two city high schools tangle in the other end of the doubleheader.

Nightly practices are being held in both gymnasiums of the high schools and it is said that the Decatur combination stands well as one of the strongest of the four combinations. The Albany high school will surely be a strong contender in view of the fact that they have been in constant practice since the close of the football season and are ready now to place a well trained and fighting team on the floor.

The Power-Roofing combination has had little practice but from the looks of the entrants it is practically assured that they too will be strong contenders in the battle for the local championship.

The Louisville and Nashville five is yet to be picked with a large number of candidates for every position. Captain Ellison will play one of the guards and probably Byers will be started at center but the remainder of the team is still to be picked with each candidate showing practically an even ability in the art of caging points.

It is to be hoped that the local people will support the local league as it is only in the experiential stage and really an opportunity for men to keep fit rather than gain a reputation as one of the fastest leagues in the state.

Outside games have not yet been scheduled but it is practically assured that every team in the circuit will be looking around for outside competition before the season has been of long life.

The want columns offer a splendid opportunity to the man who wants work and to the man who wants help. Advertise today its only a small sum that you will be glad to have spent.

ONE FOUR O
READY TO GO
LIDE'S
Instant Service
Batteries—Tires

Temple of Shriners Costing \$2,500,000 Dedicated Today

NEW YORK.—One of New York's most unique buildings, the mosque of Mecca Temple mother temple of the Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, was formally dedicated with imposing ceremonies today.

The occasion attracted thousands of Shriners from various sections of the country. A picturesque parade down Fifth Avenue of the Arab patrols, bands and drum corps of 40 temples in the east preceded the event.

The mosque a quaint bit of the Orient is located just off the fringe of the theatrical district and extends between West 55th and 56th streets near Sixth avenue. It cost \$2,500,000.

An immense red tiled dome, surmounted by the symbolic scimitar and crescent, covers the main auditorium which can seat nearly 5,000 persons. The front of the mosque is of white stone and varicolored terra cotta work. There are only a few slit-like windows on the face of the building and great bronze oriental lamps hang over the half dozen arched doorways.

On the 56th street entrance there is a 12 story administration building, topped by a roof garden. Three lodge halls, cub rooms and the quarters for officers occupy this section. Here also are stored the first records of the Mystic Shrine in North America and the original jewel of the Shrine, worn by the late William J. Florence actor and dramatist one of the small handful of founders of Mecca Temple in 1872. Mecca now has a membership of 12,000.

The main auditorium has a stage larger than the majority of theaters in this city, equipped with special scenery and lighted by the most modern devices. The main floor has movable opera chairs, so that it can be used for dancing. Two large galleries reach almost to the base of the dome. A feature of the auditorium is a pipe organ costing \$30,000.

Under the auditorium is a banquet hall, which can seat 2,500 persons, and modern hotel like kitchens.

The dedicatory ceremonies were in charge of Roslyn M. Cox of Middletown, N. Y., the Imperial Potentate of the temple. Lishop William T. Manning of the Episcopal diocese of directed by William A. Rowah, Grand Master of Masons in New York state. Addresses were made by Supreme Court Justice Arthur S. Tompkins, Past Grand Master and Mayor W.

LYONS HOTEL CAFE LEASED BY ATHEY

Karney Retires From Management Of Dining Room

The Lyons Hotel cafe has recently been leased by H. C. Athey of Montgomery and he officially took charge of the establishment on Monday December 29. J. H. Karney who had charge of the cafe for the past five months, has not definitely decided on his business for the near future.

Mr. Athey comes well recommended in the line of his chosen work, and has an enviable line of experience behind him, both as manager of a large cafe in Montgomery and as dining car steward on the Louisville and Nashville railroad.

Mr. Athey stated that he can see no reason why a large cafe like that which he has recently acquired should not make a business success in a place as large as the Twin Cities and he promises that he will use his greatest efforts to make the cafe popular with the local residents as well as with travelers not only for regular diners, but for entertainment and banqueting purposes.

Mrs. Athey will arrive from Montgomery on Thursday to take up her residence here with her husband in the Lyons Hotel.

California Girl Wins Fame as Singer.



Under the stage name of Cora Corelli, Miss Cora Gallagher, San Francisco soprano singer, has won fame and is on the road to fortune in Italy, where she has been referred to as "the greatest singer America has sent abroad in a generation." Miss Corelli is the daughter of Roy Gallagher, shorthand reporter in the Supreme Court at San Francisco. She scored her greatest triumph recently in Naples in Puccini's "Manon Lescaut."

Freeland Kendrick of Philadelphia, Past Imperial Potentate of the Shrine. Tonight the first ceremonial will be held in the mosque which 400 nobles will, in Shrine language, "cross the hot sands of the desert."

CHAIRS IN LONDON PARKS PARKED IN GROUPS OF TWO

LONDON.—Remittance of money long owed to various departments of the British government is not unusual, but M. W. Shanley the chair king of London which as placed thousands of chairs about the city's parks which he rents for two pence each, has received from America his first conscience money, a penny which an unknown American forgot to pay for the rent of a Hyde Park chair ten years ago. The penny and the letter have been preserved as prized souvenirs.

Mr. Shanley's business is the only one of its kind in England, and was established by his father 80 years ago. Shanley now owns more than 150,000 chairs and employs a large force of men to go about collecting the tu-penny rental. Receipt tickets are given, and the occupant may retain the chair the entire day for his two pence.

Most of the chairs are placed in groups of two, but it was an eye for business, not a desire to befriend lovers that dictated the grouping, according to Mr. Shanley. He noticed that people generally went about in twos and that groups of three or four were much in the minority. So he arranged his chairs accordingly.

You have to pay a good salesman a neat salary. Do you consider newspaper advertising a salesman? Then make out a monthly appropriation for newspaper advertising and watch the sales grow.

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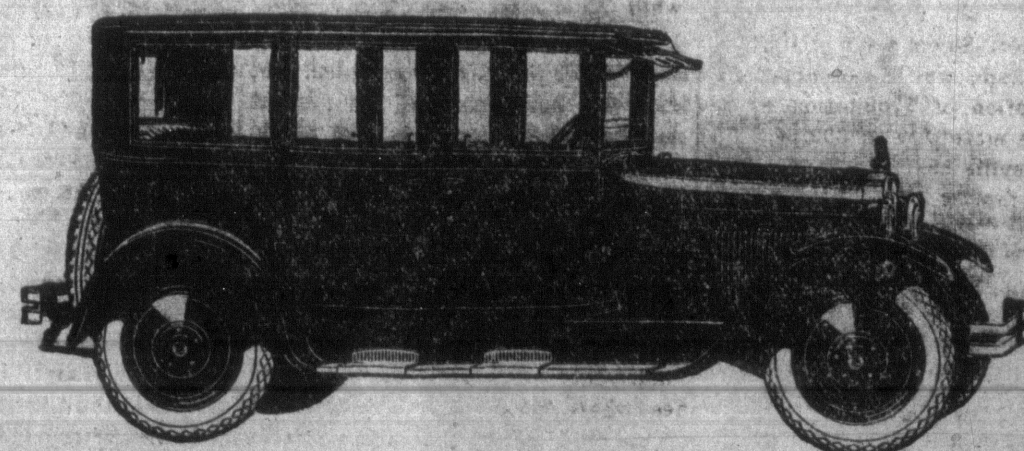
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Could the new appropriation for prohibition enforcement be classed as reclamation work?

Those who might be critical of the action of Trinity college in changing its name to Duke, should ask themselves what they would do for \$8,000,000.

IF ALLIED INVESTIGATORS ARE WRONG, LET GERMANY PROVE HER DEFENSE

The decision of the allied council of ambassadors to postpone the evacuation of the Cologne bridge head because the allied agents reported the finding of immense quantities of hidden arms in Germany, has aroused the German nation to a high pitch.

The allied agents who reported the discovery of arms are abused by the German press, who claim the agents spent the time they were supposed to be making their investigations, really in making long excursions in service cars with women of dubious reputation.

Premier Herriot is called a puppet in the hands of the militarists and the German papers shout that the nation has "been cheated." "Unreasonable, high-handed attitude, arrogance and insulting conduct, childish interference with machines of peace and vandalism" are some of the other pleasant phrases hurled by Berlin papers at the French and other allies.

When, if ever, will Germany learn that she received a spanking in the late war. If Germany did not get as severe a licking as she really deserved, it was the fault of the allies' heart instead of their head, for if ever a nation deserved a tanning, Germany did. That she got off with a stiff talking to and a few light taps is nothing to be proud about.

It isn't in very good taste for her now to shout her "hymns of hate" against the allies. Because the allies won, they were in position to dictate the terms of the peace. Since the treaties have been signed, however, it is up to the allies to abide by their terms, and his the allies will do, so far as it is humanely possible.

Germany is pursuing the wrong course in laying down a barrage of abusive language against the allies and their agents. That method will get them as little as did the stupid policies of the Kaiser.

If an injustice has been done Germany, and the story of hidden arms is only a myth, Germany has an opportunity to prove the story in error. Mere words will not do it, abuse will not accomplish that result. The allies must be shown, and until the allied agents' report is disproved, it will be credited.

PROHIBITION IN NORTH CAROLINA FAILS TO HURT INDUSTRIAL LIFE

A few years ago opponents of prohibition of the sale of intoxicating liquor were spreading the opinion that if the sale of beer, wine, and whisky was stopped, the industrial life of the nation would be ruined. Prohibition, at that time, not having had a fair trial, and being a comparatively new issue to many voters, there were some who sincerely believed what the pessimists predicted would actually come to pass.

It is refreshing to discover just how badly fooled the latter class was. We are all more or less familiar with the fact that prohibition, far from having hurt Alabama industrially, has helped Alabama forge to a place well up in the front rank of the nation's states.

A correspondent of the Christian Science Monitor, writing from Raleigh, N. C., tells the story of what prohibition has done for that state as follows:

Since North Carolina, by a majority of 44,000, voted for state-wide prohibition, all communities, urban and rural, have prospered as never before. With the possible exception of Charlotte, there was not a city of 25,000 inhabitants in North Carolina when the State "went dry." Today there are many with more than 25,000 inhabitants, while Charlotte and Winston-Salem each claim 75,000. Greensboro and Durham, which had about 15,000 each prior to the adoption of prohibition as a statewide policy, now have more than 40,000 people each, while Raleigh and Asheville have more than 30,000 each and are growing rapidly.

With the exception of Raleigh, all the cities referred to are industrial centers, where thousands are employed in factories and other centers of commerce. A systematic survey of conditions in these cities would show that under prohibition the industrial classes have accumulated large individual bank accounts and have purchased homes where they formerly rented them.

Under prohibition North Carolina in the total value of its crops, has risen from about the twentieth place to fifth. Approximately 10 times as much is being spent on education as was spent in pre-prohibition days. There are more children in school than ever before. Child labor has decreased and labor conditions have greatly improved. This is especially noticeable in cotton mill districts. A sober adult population has been largely responsible for the reduction of the number of children employed in factories. This

has meant the releasing of thousands of children from the industrial world, and as a result they are in the school room. This applies to city and country alike.

Isn't it heart-breaking the deplorable condition prohibition has left North Carolina in?

McCoy CAN'T SEE JUSTICE OF JURY'S VERDICT AGAINST HIM

Kid McCoy, upon learning he had been convicted of manslaughter in connection with the slaying of Mrs. Theresa W. Mors, said: "I don't believe it was a just verdict. If I am not guilty as charged, I am not guilty at all."

McCoy, for once, is right.

How in the world America hopes to put an end to the ever increasing number of homicides occurring in the nation, or how America even hopes to cut down the ratio, when verdicts like these can be returned, is a question a bit too puzzling for us.

McCoy was accused of having shot to death a woman with whom he had been living. Following the occurrence in their apartment, he is alleged to have entered the antique shop which was owned jointly by Mrs. Mors and her husband, and to have held up several employees of the place, announcing that he was going to "get" Mors. As customers entered, they too were lined up against the wall. When one made a break for liberty he was shot in the thigh. Testimony was introduced in an effort to show that later McCoy went into a shop next door and shot two other people there.

For all of these things, McCoy is convicted of manslaughter, which carries with it a sentence of from one to ten years imprisonment.

What a farce. If McCoy actually did the things with which he was charged, he deserved no less than the full penalty of the law. If he was not guilty of them, he deserved no less than full exoneration.

The McCoy case is typical of many others. When the various degrees of murder were set forth and described by early lawmakers, it is hard to believe that they suspected that such things would come to pass as occur now in American courts.

There are times when extenuating circumstances are shown in murder cases, resulting in light sentences which probably serve the ends of justice well, but how can justice go on convicting prisoners of lesser offense than murder, when the defendant simply pleads that he did not commit the act with which he is charged. If he juries believe the defendant did, by what process of reasoning do they reconcile short prison sentences with the seriousness of the offense?

WILL AIRPLANES SOON TAKE THE PLACE OF MOTORS AND RAILROAD TRAINS?

The Anniston Star sees in the development of the air travel a serious competitor, at no distant date, of railroads and automobiles. The Star points out that when "trains first were operated great numbers of people refused to ride upon them because of the danger. When automobiles were first put into use great numbers of people refused to ride in them because of the danger." Naturally, the Star adds, many people feel the same way now about the airplanes, but that their fears, in time, will be overcome.

When it is remembered that an airplane was a real curiosity only a few years ago, and now regular mail routes are established in the air, passenger lines are plying between many cities of the world and planes are being used in scores of business establishment, the rapidity with which people of the world have taken to the air is astonishing.

The Star says:

News dispatches on Christmas day told of a disaster to an express plane in London soon after it had left its airdrome for Paris. Eight persons were killed when the plane caught on fire and crashed to the earth. It was an accident that could not have been foreseen and against which no safeguards could have been devised. But it was not proof that airplane travel is more dangerous than travel on land or on sea. It was the first accident to an airplane carrying passengers that had occurred in some time. It easily could be followed by a similar accident to another plane, but there may not be a similar disaster in years.

Every day news dispatches tell of disasters on railways in this country and Europe. Every day one may read of fatal accidents to motorists. Frequently we hear of a train and a motor bus colliding at a crossing, and generally most of those in the motor bus are killed. Yet people make journeys in motor buses and on trains without giving a thought to danger.

Every day trains running sixty miles an hour plunge through space between the cities of the East. Now and then one is wrecked and often many people die in the wrecks. No one ever hesitates to make a trip in a fast train, however, because there may be a wreck. In fact, the thought of a wreck seldom enters the minds of travelers on fast trains.

Travel in the air is dangerous, and probably always will be dangerous, but it is not more so than travel in fast trains and in swift steamers in stormy weather. The airplane may ultimately be made even more safe than a fast train. Provisions may be made for passengers in planes to be provided with means for dropping gently to earth when something goes wrong with the plane in midair. No plan has yet been devised by which passengers in a fast train can be saved from injury or death when the train is wrecked, and the only protection passengers in steamers have against injury or death, if the vessel sinks, is a possibility of getting into a life boat that may or may not reach safety.

Development of air travel is rapid. The time probably is not far distant when travel in the air will be popular with the majority of people. Its speed is now its chief attraction. If one is in a hurry, the airplane is the quickest thing to be had. It will get to a given destination far ahead of any other vehicle, and it will get there with no greater risk to life and a given destination far ahead of any other vehicle. The Anniston newspaper's conclusions are well drawn and are in line with the conclusions of many other agencies which have given study to the possibilities of air transportation. Some of the latter even go so far as to express the belief that by the time the nation completes its system of good roads, the roads will have been relegated to the same place surface cars occupy in the transportation systems of crowded centers. The surface cars are used almost exclusively for short hauls by people who have no reason to hurry. The elevated and the subways get most of the other passengers.

In much the same manner, many believe, the passenger travel of the future will be divided between the air services and the railroads and motor cars, the latter two transporting short haul passengers almost exclusively.

SABRE SLAYER HELD DESPITE FATHER'S PLEA.



GEORGE SHAW, MRS. H. H. BRADY & BRUCE A. SHAW

George Shaw, of Oak Park, Ill., fashionable suburb of Chicago, has been charged with the murder of his wealthy father, Bruce A. Shaw, investor and author, slain with a sabre while the son was gin-mad, according to police. Mrs. Hazel Howard Brady, divorcee, whom younger Shaw took home with him after a drunken orgy at a roadhouse, police allege, testified at the inquest. Bruce Shaw was attacked after he upbraided his son. With his last breath he pleaded for his son, who, he said, had been shell-shocked in France and was not accountable for his murderous impulses.

Power Development Projects To Spoil Two Irish Beauty Spots

DUBLIN—In addition to the project for harnessing the River Shannon for the generation of electrical power for the Free State, which has been entrusted to a German firm, plans have been placed before the Free State parliament for the utilization of the River Liffey, which runs through Dublin.

Objection has been made on the ground that the plans under con-

sideration would result in spoiling the famous salmon leap at Leixlip and the falls of Poulaphuca, both beauty spots. At Poulaphuca 5,400 acres would be flooded and eight square miles of County Wicklow would be submerged. The destruction of scenery aspect, however, has not greatly impressed the parliamentary committee.

There is one thing that money won't buy. But darned if I haven't forgotten what it is.

Somerville News

School opened here Monday after a vacation of ten days for the holidays.

Miss Novell Miller left Sunday for Winton to resume her school work.

Ruth Brindley of M. C. H. S. returned to Hartselle Sunday to resume her studies, after spending the holidays here with her sister, Mrs. Joe Martin.

The following were guests Sunday evening of Mrs. Joe Winton and family. Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Bailey and children, Mrs. Martha Bailey, Mrs. Floyd Dean and children of near Union.

Herman Waugh of Hartselle spent Saturday night with his sister, Mrs. N. E. Winton.

Mrs. N. E. Winton has been confined to her bed with lagrippe.

Wilburn Wade of Albany was here Sunday night.

Felton Lyle and family of Decatur spent Sunday with Mrs. Kittie Johnston and family.

The young people who spent the holidays here with their parents, have returned to the different schools to resume their studies.

Mrs. Joe Winton has been sick several days with lagrippe.

The box supper given by the school here Friday night was well attended and a nice sum realized.

Audrey Garrison of Florida and Lauren Garrison of Hartselle were guests Sunday of Misses Blanche, Eva and Kate Winton.

Misses Nina and Mabel Freeman of Hartselle were guests Saturday

night and Sunday of Ruth Brindley at Mrs. Joe Martin's.

James Cain, Jr., and Hynes May's are ill with lagrippe.

Oscar Waugh and family moved here Saturday and will occupy the residence of the late James Watkins.

Fred M. Swift of Hartselle was here Saturday to visit his aunts, Misses Mary and Emma Harlan.

Mrs. Floyd Spain and daughter Corinne of Birmingham spent Friday and Saturday with her mother, Mrs. Mollie Hood.

Conrad Hood and daughter Kathleen and Dolie Winton of Hartselle were here Saturday visiting.

The Somerville basketball team and Gravel Ridge met here on Saturday playing a match game. Score 32 to 7 in favor of Somerville.

Doctors and Lawyers Feel Effects of Irish Partition

DUBLIN—The effects of the establishment of the free state, and of the partition of Ireland into North and South, are beginning to be felt in the professions of law and medicine. Hitherto attorneys have been able to practice in any part of Ireland, but henceforth they will have to choose between Northern and Southern Ireland as a qualification in one does not extend to the other.

Free State physicians have formerly had a place on the British medical register, which gave them a right to practice in Great Britain and the colonies. As many Irish doctors are educated for export this was a valuable right. The Free State is now considering the setting up of a separate Free State medical register and meanwhile the old arrangement is continued.

It is hoped by legislation both in the Free State and Great Britain to effect an accommodation of the matter about which the medical profession is much concerned.

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RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Loans and Discounts \$4,413,487.67	Capital Stock \$ 225,000.00
Overdrafts 5,388.81	Surplus Fund 225,000.00
Stocks and Bonds 237,860.50	Undivided Profits and
Banking Houses (16) 107,000.00	Reserves 88,017.81
Furniture & Fixtures 48,251.01	Bills Payable 75,000.00
Other Real Estate 12,600.00	Deposits 5,270,257.79
Cash and due from banks 1,058,687.59	
Total \$5,883,275.58	Total \$5,883,275.58

HUSBAND NAMES FIVE "MYSTERY MEN"**MRS. HILDA BETTY COOKE**

Five "mystery men," described in his "alphabet" bill of complaint as "Mr. A," "Mr. B," "Mr. C," "Mr. D" and "Mr. E," were named by James Henry Cooke, wealthy Toronto business man, in his action for divorce against pretty Hilda Betty Cooke, society leader. His suit was filed in response to her demand for alimony. It caused perhaps as great a sensation throughout Ontario as did the case of the princely "Mr. A" in Great Britain. Cooke applied for a divorce at the last session of Parliament in Canada, but the Senate divorce committee rejected the application. Mrs. Cooke then brought her alimony action.

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AUSTINVILLE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Porter Eggleston returned to Birmingham Sunday evening after spending the past few days here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Beatty.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Sparkman and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Sparkman spent the holidays here with relatives returning to their home near Hartselle Sunday afternoon.

Prof. S. O. Maner is ill at his home in West Austinville.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Bradley of West Albany spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Bradley.

Willie Pepper is very ill with pneumonia at his home near Austinville.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Roper have returned to their home in Sheffield after spending the holidays with relatives.

Mrs. Reid Crow and children of Sheffield are guests of her sister, Mrs. R. L. Lamon.

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THURSDAY

Band Number Two of the W. M. S. of the Central Baptist 2:30 p. m. Mrs. C. E. Malone.

FRIDAY

Friday Thirteen. Mrs. Wiggins hostess at the Valley Country Club. Canal Street Rook Club Mrs. Leroy McEntire.

SATURDAY

Saturday Bridge Club. Miss Amanda Pride.

DUTTON-BOWEN

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Bowen announce the marriage of their daughter, Lois, to Mr. Kenny Dutton which occurred on the evening of December 25th at the home of the bride on Grant street. The wedding was a very quiet one and only intimate friends and relatives of the contracting parties were invited. Rev. W. P. Reeves performed the ceremony.

Miss Bowen was an attractive member of the Senior Class of the Central High school. Mr. and Mrs. Dutton are making their home with the father of the groom in East Albany.

MRS. MALONE HOSTESS

Band Number Four of the W. M. S. of the Central Baptist church will entertain the members of the Missionary Society of the Church at a social on Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. C. E. Malone.

An interesting program has been arranged and all members are expected to be present.

**TUESDAY AFTERNOON
BRIDGE CLUB**

Mrs. C. C. Cox was hostess to the Tuesday Afternoon bridge club and the following supplementary guests on Tuesday afternoon at her home on Lafayette street, Mrs. Steinhardt, Mrs. Davis, of Anniston, Mrs. J. Y. Hamill, Mrs. Harry Carpenter and Mrs. J. R. Daniell.

Mrs. R. T. Sheppard won the club prize and a dainty handmade handkerchief was presented to Mrs. Hamill who was the lucky contestant at the game among the visitors.

Lovely refreshments were served after the game when the hostess was assisted by Miss Mary Louise Green.

C. C. CLUB WILL MEET

Mrs. J. W. Frahn will entertain the C. C. club at her home on East Moulton street on Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Nelson of Gadsden who is visiting Mrs. Morris Ford will be joined for the weekend by Mr. Nelson and they will motor back there on Sunday accompanied by Mrs. Terrell of Birmingham who is also the guest of Mrs. Ford.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis expected to return to their home in Anniston in a few days after spending about ten days with her aunt and uncle, Miss Driskill and W. H. Driskill.

Mrs. C. B. Dryden and son C. B. Jr. will spend January and February with relatives in Birmingham.

Mrs. M. S. Workman will leave on Friday morning for a weeks visit to friends in Montgomery.

Mrs. Early Phinizy who has been quite ill for a few days is improving.

Dr. and Mrs. W. K. Shedd arrived today to be the New Year's day guests of her sister Mrs. W. R. Shelton.

Miss Laura Davis who spent the holidays with relatives here, will leave Thursday to resume her duties teaching in Tuscaloosa.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Hurston have returned to Cullman after being the Christmas guests of her father, Judge L. P. Troup.

Mr. and Mrs. Goodlow Morris and Barton Morris of Birmingham spent Christmas and the weekend with their parents, Rev. and Mrs. M. N. Morris at Trinity.

Miss Mabel Nesbit is sick with flu at her home on East Church street.

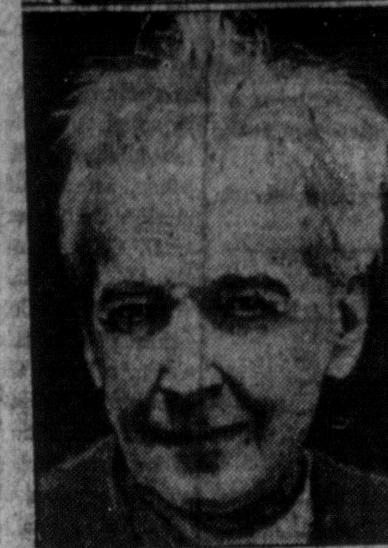
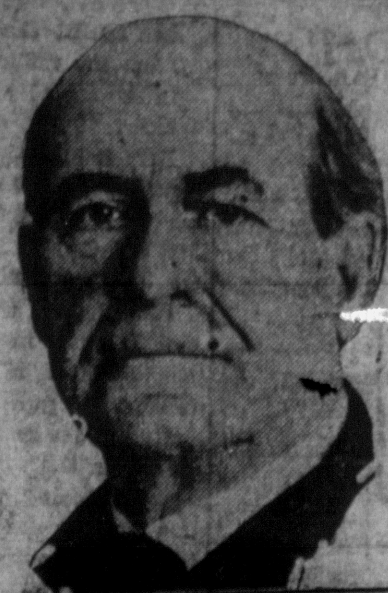
Mr. and Mrs. John Frahn of Dayton, Ohio, are the expected guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Frahn.

Mrs. Lee Davis who spent several weeks with relatives at Mt Hope, returned on Monday to her home in Talladega accompanied by her brother, Reg Dukemeiner.

Little Miss Mary Elizabeth Bell has returned from Birmingham where she spent the holidays with her father and brother, J. D. Bell and Joe, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Orrick Davis and baby formerly of Cherokee, Ala., spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davis and have gone to Birmingham where they will make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Randolph are visiting relatives in Tennessee.

**Burbank Says Bryan's
Skull Is Primitive.****WILLIAM J. BRYAN IS
LUTHER BURBANK'S**

Taking issue with William Jennings Bryan, his friend, on the latter's opposition to the theory of evolution, Luther Burbank, world-famous plant scientist, said during an address at Santa Rosa, Cal.: "Mr. Bryan is an honored friend of mine, yet this need not prevent the observation that the skull with which Nature endowed him visibly approaches the Neanderthal type."

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Many Believe '25 Will Be Greatest 'Year In History'

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income, which has never yet been done.

Julius Kruttschnitt, chairman of the executive committee of the Southern Pacific company thus summed up the condition upon which the carriers depended to continue their accomplishment of 1924; a showing which in itself was a climax to what they had done since 1920.

Solon Denies the Charges of Wife

(Associated Press)

ALPENA, Mich., Dec. 31.—Under cross examination all yesterday afternoon Congressman Frank B. Scott, of the eleventh Michigan district, on the witness stand denied allegations of his wife of gambling and intemperance while in Washington.

Scott brought suit for divorce against his wife, who filed a cross bill. Scott admitted, under questioning that he occasionally drank but asserted he never drank to excess.

He said he had played cards and mentioned a number of prominent persons in Washington in and out of congress with whom he played, but asserted his losses were nominal.

Much of the testimony which the congressman gave Monday and yesterday, regarding his wife's alleged indiscretions while in Washington did not come from his own personal knowledge, Scott testified. He said it came to him through his private secretary, Jane L. Kennedy, of Alpena, who stayed at his apartment in Washington, with his wife while he was away.

He said he refused to believe Mrs. Kennedy's stories, however, until he had substantiated them by his wife's diary, her guest book and statements of other persons.

AMUSEMENTS

A daintily shot foot suddenly appearing from nowhere to crash down on a pretty sand castle forms a dramatic ending to one of the most interesting proposals of marriage as yet put on the screen.

At least, such is the opinion of Mille's new Paramount picture, "Feet of Clay" adapted for the screen by Beulah Marie Dix and Bertram Milhauser from Margarette Tuttle's novel.

Vera Reynolds and Rod la Rocque play a very captivating scene with the background of gay beach novelties and aquatic sports.

Cecil B. DeMille's newest smart satire on modern life has as its feature players Rod la Rocque, Vera Reynolds, Ricardo Cortez, Julia Payne, Theodore Kosloff and Robert Edison. The picture is now showing at the Princess today.

SCHOOL BOY FRIENDS WILL HONOR CALVIN COOLIDGE, JR.

MERCERSBURG—Three memorials to Calvin Coolidge, Jr., son of the President, who died last July, are planned as integral parts of the campus and buildings of Mercersburg Academy where he was a well loved student.

The memorials will take the form of a cross in the new academy chapel, a sunshine corner devoted to birds, flowers and trees in some central part of the campus and a portrait of young Coolidge to be executed by one of America's best painters.

Mrs. Coolidge has requested that she be permitted to make the cross her gift to the institution in memory of her son. The sunshine corner, suggested by Mrs. Coolidge will be the Academy's own memorial and will commemorate the boy's delight in the beauties of nature. It will consist of a series of bird baths to attract the feathered woodfolk; a sundial, and seats where the boys may gather when at leisure. It will be surrounded by shrubs, flowers and trees.

In addition to these memorials Mercersburg Academy has provided a memorial issue of the Academy News, in which are gathered recollections of young Coolidge both in the life of the school and in that of the nation.

The school life of Calvin Jr., was a succession of brilliant achievements. For three years, like his brother John he kept his name on the honor roll and was entered for matriculations at Amherst. He was a reporter on the school paper, and during his last year was an editor of the school literary magazine.

LIGHT SOUGHT IN ENGLAND ON WAYS OF TRADE UNIONS

LONDON—Allegations that trade unions act as combines, and that the good workman is handicapped by restrictions were made by Sir R. Burton Chadwick parliamentary secretary to the board of trade in a recent address. After emphasizing that he was speaking entirely on his own responsibility and not in any way representing the views of the government, he said:

"I feel that the time has come when we must know more about the whole administration of our trade unions. We must know why it is that a good workman, if he chooses, cannot work as hard as he likes, produce as much as he can, thereby earning for himself a higher wage, and by his greater output cheapen the cost of the articles he is producing and so enable the trader to compete in the world's markets."

"We must know what share of re-

sponsibility lies with the administration of this huge combine of labor when, in the first six months of this year, we lose 7,500,000 days in strikes.

"We must know whether it is in the interest of the community that trade unionism has become a great political organization and whether it is for their good that members are compelled to contribute to the political funds, whether they agree or not with the political doctrine of their union."


Women's Emancipation Spreads

BUENOS AIRES—The emancipation of women in Latin America from the traditions that have kept them from earning their living like men continues to make progress. Fifty women have just been added to the Buenos Aires police force. They have been assigned to patrol the parks, where they will look after children, protect their own sex from flirts and keep people off the grass. They wear navy blue uniforms and black straw hats.

Names of Princes Avoided

In Christening Steamer. BERLIN—Germany, building steamships, has decided to name after cities of the republic. In days the names of royal persons were popular in this field and few vessels carried the appellation of famous authors. But all reminded the shipbuilders of steamers named after writers come to untimely ends, and of the republic are not reminders of the monarchy.

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Passing Its 74th Mile Stone

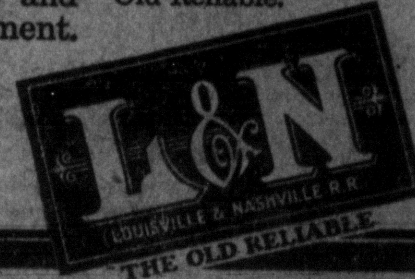
The Louisville & Nashville Railroad enters the year of 1925, proud of its accomplishments during each of the 74 years of its corporate existence and with a renewed pledge of continued service to the public.

Among the physical improvements recently authorized and now nearing completion, are the construction of 105 miles of double track costing nearly ten million dollars, the rebuilding of numerous bridges costing approximately six million, the installation of automatic signals and automatic train control costing over a million dollars and the acquisition of a large amount of additional power (engines) and freight and passenger equipment.

In addition to these amounts already authorized, an additional sum of nearly ten million dollars

has been appropriated for new rails, double track work, added equipment and other improvements which will bring the 1925 expenditures already authorized up to practically \$22,000,000.

In each of the 74 years of its existence this road has striven honestly and effectively to render a superior freight and passenger service to the territory it traverses. That it has succeeded, is evidenced by the fact that people everywhere call it "The Old Reliable."



Announcing a New Year In The History Of The Decatur Cafe and Hotel

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THE NIGHT MANAGEMENT IS STILL
HANDLED BY OUR REGULAR NIGHT
MAN—

BEN GUNN

Mr. Gunn has been with us for years, and the service the night force gives has always pleased. Whether coming in on a late train or just wanting a bite to eat at night you will find service the best and foods always well prepared.

With the Coming of the New Year We Wish You All a Full Year of Happiness and Prosperity,
These Are the Wishes of--

JIMMIE JAMES, PROPRIETOR AND OWNER.

DECATUR CAFE AND HOTEL

Lafayette Streets

Decatur, Ala.

DAILY MAGAZINE PAGE FOR EVERYBODY

A WIFE'S
CONFESSIONAL
Adele Garrison's New Phase of
Revelations
of a Wife

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A Possible Marriage Worries
Marion Greatly.

IF there be anything more naively sweet than the serious concern of a young girl about the affairs of her elders, I do not know what it is.

Marion's eyes, beautiful, long-lashed, were almost wet with tears, as they met mine, and I made the mental comment that the old-fashioned writers of the Victorian era were not so far wrong when they compared eyes like this winsome child's to "pansies drenched in dew."

I put her in a low chair beside the fire and drew another up opposite to her. I did not cuddle her as I ordinarily would have done, for instinctively I felt that in her attitude toward her mother's problem, at least, it was not a little girl who faced me, but a woman, immature, groping, but sincere and I meant to offer her the courtesy of "grown-up" treatment.

"I'm afraid my advice won't be worth much, dear," I said, "especially about Uncle Robert Savarin, but I'll do the best I can. What is it that troubles you especially?"

She hesitated, looking at the rug pattern in an attitude that reminded me irresistibly of her mother.

"I don't know just how to tell you, Auntie Madge. It goes away back to the time when I was a wee bit of a girl and didn't have my mother. You know."

A Tragic Recollection.

Did I know? Ah! I looked at her with eyes that suddenly saw something far beyond the room in which we were sitting. I saw her mother and myself facing each other in the wonderful brown-toned library of Lillian Underwood's New York apartment, and heard Lillian's voice, raucous yet wonderfully controlled, revealing the tragedy of her life with Marion's father, Tom Morton.

Because she had been too high-minded to drag an innocent boy, Dicky, into the trap set for him by the unscrupulous and who called her wife, she had taken the alternative given her by Tom Morton, and given the custody of her idolized child to him.

I could see Lillian crossing the room to a wall safe, and taking from it the miniature of an exquisite little creature, Marion in babyhood, and with my contemplation of the agony that was hers in being shut away from her little daughter, I understood, rendered every bit of prejudice against Lillian, acknowledging that not even to keep faith and honor clear, could I have made a similar sacrifice.

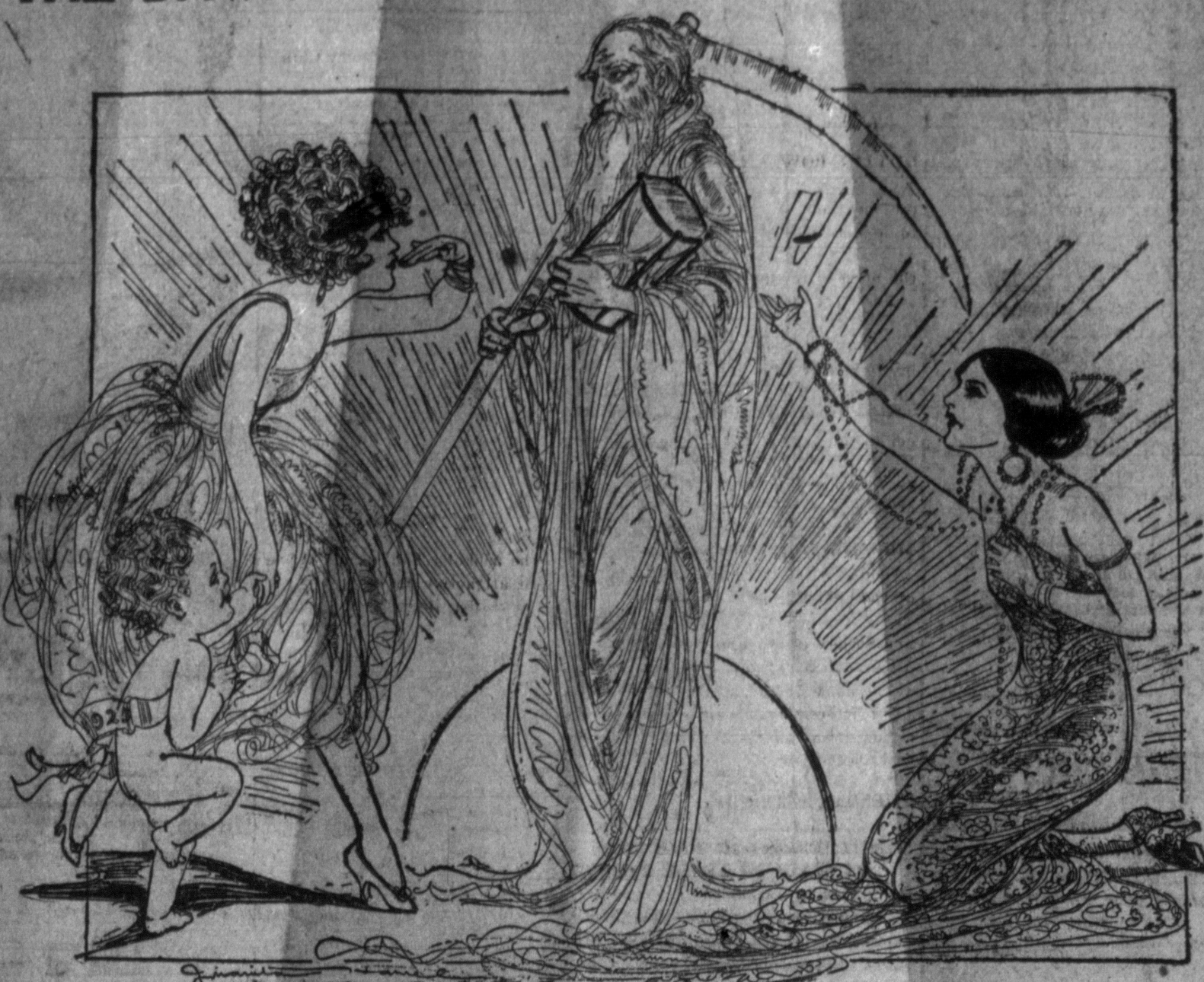
Years of her long immolation away from the child, it was also my privilege to be present at the wonderful reunion which Tom Morton's death, and his belated confession of his treachery, brought to the mother heart so long bereft. And almost all of the time since that day, I had been able to watch with Lillian over the child who by the kindly intervention of Fate appeared to be all her mother's, a duplicate in miniature of her brain, beautiful soul, lovely face and body, with no trace of her treacherous father in her.

With a start I brought myself back to the wide-eyed girl facing me. "Forgive me, Marion," I said contritely. "You look so back years. Remember, I knew your mother when she did not have you."

"Then you know how she suffered," she said quickly, "but I don't believe anybody can ever know how I used to feel as a little girl without any mother. I used to cry and

THE DAWN OF A NEW YEAR

By Juanita Hamel



WHAT a wonderful day—New Year! What hopes and joys it brings to some, and to others, regret and sorrow. When one who has lived while contemplates the dawn of the New Year, she dreads the added days to her years, while to her who is just beginning to live and learn, it cannot come quickly

enough and unfold the story which she is so eager to hear. What may it not bring? The fulfillment of her dreams, and who knows, perhaps it will bring the Love which she is so eagerly awaiting, and the happiness which shall see many, many Happy New Year's days with the chosen one by her side.

WINIFRED BLACK WRITES ABOUT A Happy New Year

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Here it is again—with all the bells ringing and all the Christmas berries scarlet and all the windows gay with wreaths.

What is there in the world so pretty as a Christmas wreath—all green and scarlet and as round as a wedding ring? Nothing—except a Christmas tree, or, yes, whisper, I'll show you something that's just as pretty.

Put on your thick coat, my dear, and tie your warm hood under your chin. Are your shoes good and stout? That's right—come, let's have a party, just you and me, a frost and snow party, down by the old pond there set in the ring of tall trees.

Why, they're beautiful even with their leaves gone—the great aycamores and maples! What graceful skeletons they have and how the black branches and twigs make a beautiful pattern against the gray of the wintry sky.

Like a Ring of Friendly Spirits

At night they look like a ring of friendly spirits holding hands out there in the moonlight and getting ready for some sort of mystic dance—but in the daytime they are very quiet and only whisper to each other when they see us coming. "Sh, be still, be very still; when they are gone we will talk again."

Look, there's been a party here before us—see all the little footprints, birds and rabbits and squirrels. What a delicious tracery they make in the clean snow.

Here's the pond; no, we won't venture out on the ice—not yet. We wouldn't relish a cold plunge so early in the morning, not even on New Year's Day. Down with you, Little Sister, flat on your face. Little Brother, there, look right before you; look through the thin ice at the edge of the pond; isn't it beautiful?

Why, there's a regular little city there, castles and cottages, and bridges and walks and roads, and see, there's a deep forest! And down on this side is a garden and an orchard, all of them no more than an inch or two inches high. What a fairy world of silent beauty!

And we have passed it by a thousand times and never even suspected it. What? It's made of weeds and shallow grasses frozen there under the ice? Well, maybe you think so, but I don't believe it myself.

I think it's a little fairy world where the frost fairies live—hark! Was that the tinkle of a silver bell? Why, they're wishing each other Happy New Year down there in the frost village! Oh, if you and I could only be small enough and dainty enough to slip under the ice and be a part of the beauty and the enchantment there.

It's all around us, this illusive beauty in Summer and in Winter,

Finger Nails Can Be Beautified
and Shaped by Simple Rules

By LUCREZIA BORI

The Famous Spanish Prima Donna

ANY woman will do well to devote a certain amount of thought each day to the beauty culture of her finger-nails.

The amount of time and thought necessary will diminish as you keep up the practice.

The shape of finger-nails can be appreciably changed in three short months.

If you would have lovely almond-shaped nails, the hard skin which surrounds the base must be pushed down. Do not do this when the skin is hard and dry.

Wait until you have first washed your hands in warm water with plenty of soap. Then the cuticle which surrounds your nail will be soft and readily pushed back into place.

Afterwards take an orange stick and shape the cuticle still more firmly by pushing it gently with the orange stick and work upward.

If you find that your nails crack and break easily, the best remedy is to rub in cold cream or vaseline at night. It also removes the dull look and gives them a more healthy luster.

Rub the cream into all parts of the nail, working it well into the cuticle which surrounds the base of your nail.

Lemon juice also prevents the cuticle of your nails from growing. Another way of applying it is to dissolve a teaspoonful of lemon juice in a cup of tepid water. Soak your nails in this. It whitens the underneath edge about the finger-tips and makes your nails supple and easier to polish.

Speaking of polishing your nails, I advise that you do this thoroughly once a week. They will then retain sufficient luster, and will not be too much worn away, as constant polishing is likely to do. I may add that it is considered better practice to have your nails show a medium luster than a high polish. If you use nail powder for polishing, you may dampen it with a few drops of Eau de Cologne and you will find it easier to apply. Each time after you wash your hands, rub your nails a few times with the soft powder you use for drying.



LUCREZIA BORI

and in the Spring and in the Fall, all made for us to see and to enjoy—and how many times we pass it by without even a look.

Teach us a lesson, Little Brother. Read us a lecture, Little Sister. What is it that we are so busy about and so concerned about and so important over—we elders, that we have no time to wander with you and find for ourselves and for you the beauty and the tragic that lies so close to our blind eyes and our unseeing ears?

"I Wish You Joy in Little Things"

Happy New Year, dear friends of my heart, I wish you joy today—peace of mind, contentment and oh, best of all and most of all, I wish you the joy in little things, for if you have that, no road will ever be too long or no night too dark to bring some measure of comfort and happiness to you and yours.

A Happy New Year—the old year with its mistakes and its follies and its carelessness and its half-unconscious cruelty is dead.

Let it sleep—the New Year is here, laughing on the doorstep.

How far will we walk with him; how light will be our steps—do you remember the little footprints the little animals made in the clean snow? I wonder if we make footprints somewhere, we clumsy mortals. They say that no word that is ever spoken ever dies—it lives on and on in the air, and some day some necromancy may be able to bring it back again—who knows these things, or if they do, our actions, do they some way leave a trace—and if they do, would we like to look back and see what that trace looks like?

A Happy New Year, good friends, a shelf of old books, and somewhere in the household a little loving child—these are to you my New Year's wish.

THE HOME KITCHEN

By JEANNETTE YOUNG NORTON

The Authority on Home Cooking

Cake for New Year's Day Entertaining.

THOUGH the fashion of making New Years calls has passed, yet if friends do drop in, it is nice to have some good cake on hand to offer them, accompanied by tea, coffee or fruit punch.

The old-fashioned cakes that are in loaves to slice in generous slices belong to holiday time and it is of these cakes one always thinks when they speak of real "home-made" cake.

Washington Pound Cake. Wash the salt from one pound of butter, then work it to a cream. Have ready a pound of sifted flour and a pound of sifted powdered sugar. Add alternately a little of each and a little of the frosting until all ingredients are added and the cake seems light, then stir in a little grated nutmeg and a little grated lemon peel. Bake in a square shallow pan lightly greased and floured. Bake in a medium oven until a broom splint will come out clean. Frost the cake with a soft frosting flavored with lemon.

Almond Cake. Cream together a cupful of butter and one and a half cupfuls of powdered sugar. When creamy, add the yolks of three eggs, a half cupful of sour milk, a teaspoonful of soda, three cupfuls of sifted flour worked in slowly, a teaspoonful of vanilla and the stiffly beaten whites of the eggs. Have ready a pound of blanched almonds that have been coarsely chopped. Cover the bottom of a buttered pan with a layer of the cake dough, then sprinkle it thickly with the almonds, but in another layer of dough and another layer of almonds, then more dough. Bake in a medium oven. This cake may also have a soft frosting and a few of the almonds may be used to decorate the top if the cake is to be eaten right away.

Cocoanut Layer Cake. Cream together a cupful of butter and two cupfuls of sugar. Add the beaten yolks of four eggs, a cupful of rich, sweet milk, and four cupfuls of sifted flour in which a saltspoonful of salt, and three teaspoonfuls of baking powder has been mixed.

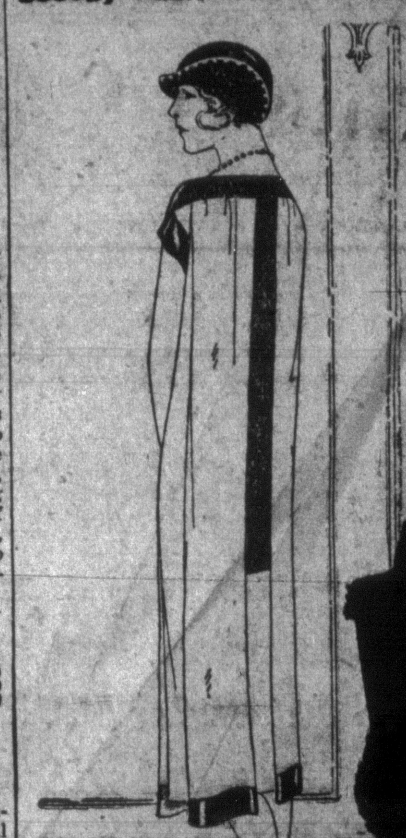
Beat well, then add the stiffly beaten whites of the eggs. Divide in four small or three large jelly-cake tins that have been very lightly greased and floured. Bake twenty-five to thirty minutes. The filling is made of a cupful of sugar and a half cupful of water, cooked together for five minutes, then turned into a stiffly beaten egg white. Add two cupfuls of freshly grated cocoanut and two teaspoonfuls of vanilla. Cover the entire cake with a lemon frosting, made by beating the white of an egg stiffly, adding two tablespoonfuls of hot water, the juice of half a lemon, and enough confectioners' sugar to make a frosting that will spread easily.

Tomorrow's
HOROSCOPE
By Genevieve Kemble

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1.

The year begins—that is, the calendar year, and not the astrological year—with a rather inauspicious planetary configuration. It may be best to defer all purely worldly affairs until more fortunate auspices. Even ordinary business correspondence should be postponed, as the auguries are for possible misunderstanding or misrepresentation. The tendency to rash and quarrelsome acts should be held in leash and any idea of litigation abandoned. Speculation should be avoided as well as litigation. The contentions and impulsive spirit should be subdued and more than ordinary precaution taken in signing contracts and in all manner of writings. A child born on this day may be quick, impulsive and high-spirited, with a tendency to rash acts and extravagance. Veracity should be instilled in infancy.

Those whose birthday it is may have a year calling for careful and conservative management. Speculation should be avoided as well as litigation. The contentions and impulsive spirit should be subdued and more than ordinary precaution taken in signing contracts and in all manner of writings. A child born on this day may be quick, impulsive and high-spirited, with a tendency to rash acts and extravagance. Veracity should be instilled in infancy.

Today's Fashion
By VERA WINSTON

Simple Black Satin or
Gown, Trimmed with
Black Velvet.

THE unusual black satin or gown sketched above shows a very simple pattern. The dress drops straight from shoulders, and there are four panels, two in front and two at back. Each of these is edged in black velvet. Black velvet also outlines the neck, and simulates tiny sleeves. A strip of velvet joins the two back panels.

The hat is black felt with clamps of silver about its edges.

Three-Minute Journeys

By Temple Manning

WHERE MEN RUB NOSES INSTEAD OF SHAKING HANDS

YOU never think twice of stopping to shake hands with a friend on the street. It is the thing to do and passers-by do not stop to gaze upon you while you do it.

But just suppose you were to stop in the middle of a busy street and greet your friend by rubbing noses with him. Excitement would wax

and each other farewell in the same manner. Customs of greeting and saying farewell differ widely over the world, and what seems perfectly natural to one nation seems utterly bizarre to another. Frenchmen and Russians frequently salute each other with a kiss on either cheek, while American men would be horrified at such an idea.

Yet the spirit that underlies all of these forms is the same. It is merely an expression of joy at seeing a welcome friend. And the cordiality of your greeting can be equally great in any of these methods of greeting.

Advice to Girls

By ANNIE LAURIE

DEAR ANNIE LAURIE: I am a girl almost eighteen years old and am going with a young man slightly younger than I am. He is a nice, respectable young man and well thought of by everybody.

Last night he told me he thought that if a girl cared anything for a man and had confidence in him she would not mind his putting his arms around her. He said he would care as much for me if I allowed it, and possibly even more than if I didn't.

PUZZLED.

PUZZLED: You know, dear, that your kisses belong to the man you are going to marry.

They are a pledge of love and should not be given indiscriminately to every man who happens to be pleasant and agreeable. I have said kisses, for that is what it will finally come to if you allow your friend to put his arms around you.

Tell him that you admire him and value his friendship very highly, but you feel you would be sacrificing your peace of mind and self-respect, and that if you allowed him this privilege others would be justified in assuming that they might do the same.



A Maori Greeting a Friend.

strong and observers would probably think you mad.

Yet in New Zealand this is the customary form of friendly greeting among the Maoris. It arouses no more comment nor interest than shaking hands would among us.

This nose rubbing is a very simple ceremony. If a Maori sees a friend approaching him, he waits until the latter reaches him. Then he clasps his friend's right hand in his right hand and bends forward until the tips of their noses touch. Then they rub them gently, back and forth several times. When this is over, they stand chatting for a while and then